4/5/77

Dear Les,

When you did not call me as you said you would after the Redditt re-interview I assumed that whether or not with something from him to follow up you might have gone to Memphis for the observance. You still were not home tonight.

You know I had some questions of fact with regard to Redditt but attributed them to the normal workings of the mind, normal even for police intelligence officers.

I have had access to Lane's account of what one is led to be his-alone interview with Redditt. No matter how much I distrust Lane there are omissions and errors in it that I cannot attribute to the frailty of human recall.

There are substantive differences. As I recall Redditt told you he was introduced to this Secret Service agent from Washington. In Lane's account he is not. In Lane's your checking with Secret Service is assigned to Reditt's personal investigation.

Whatever he told you Lane says that Redditt told Lane Richmond was there only to spy on Reditt. Not like if not impossible. The heroics are showing. With an irrational exaggeration of Redditt as the lone protector from the distance and his plan not including what you said, the perimeter plan.

Lane makes a single reference to you, where he uses your Invader story. He uses this to attack yourx credibility and to say you are in error about the infiltration. He does do some stretching, even for Lane. He quotes John Smith and the Tri-State one, xkx selectively and in a way that inspires belief there were among the finks.

When he gets back to the Redditt story there is no mention of you, no indication of the Newsday piece on it, all pretense that it is exclusive and original with the most intrepid of investigators, Mark Lane.

Naturally nobody had ever spoken to Holloman beforem either. It says.

Pretty dirty. Prentice-Hall knew. I sent xeroxes of your pieces and have their letter of thanks. Also Brief's letter to New Times.

To the point I've reached , p. 148, in this book about the King murder there is no description of the murder. I meant nothing.

If there is more Redditt-related I'll let you know if it is significant.

Best,

P.S., Les,

Lanes has gotten no mileage with a ripoff of a legitimate and significant record.

But it is a ripoff, naturally from me.

And I published it and you have it, in Post Mortem.

It is a receipt by two FBI agents for "a missle" removed from JFK.

Getting it required time and effort - years ago. I've been working on it a long time. As recently as 3/28, which is before Lane started trying to use it, Jim questioned some FBI agents we've been deposing, including about this. It is in the depositions.

My first knowledge was from Lonnie, who had phoned me to tell me a younger reporter on the ews-American would be asking me about it. Lane had done some shows in Baltimore and I think held a press conference. He gave copies out, saying he had obtained them by FOIA litigation.

Derring-do.

But once I had obtained and published it certainly was the hard way!

Wouldn't be the first time. He conned the ACLU into filing an FOIA action to get a Ruby record that had not been secret. My first dated copy is of 1969. Then he held a press conference and actually got space. Last year, not 1969 or earlier.

If it is past time for him to come up with something, be careful. He hasn't yet.

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